In the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 9-15 and add claims 16-20 as follows:

Claims 9-15 (Canceled).

16. (New) A motor assembly for rotating a disc within a disc drive, comprising:

a fixed shaft;

a spindle hub rotating coaxially about the fixed shaft having a flange for supporting a disc;

bearings for rotatably supporting the spindle hub for rotations about the fixed shaft, the bearings being located at least in part axially outside a well and radially within the spindle hub;

a magnet supported on a lower portion of the spindle hub;

an upper casing section and a lower casing section fixed together to define a disc housing for enclosing a motor and the disc, the lower casing section further defining the well; and

a stator having a plurality of windings supported from an inner surface of the well and cooperating with the magnet to cause the spindle hub to rotate, wherein the flange is configured to extend out from an inner bore of the spindle hub above the magnet and over a region where the stator is located.

17. (New) The motor assembly of claim 16, wherein the magnet and the stator are radially aligned and located within the well.

18. (New) The motor assembly of claim 16, wherein the magnet comprises an annular ring including a magnetic material, the ring being magnetized to include a multiplicity of poles.

19. (New) The motor assembly of claim 7, wherein the magnet comprises an annular ring including a magnetic material, the ring being magnetized to include a multiplicity of poles.

20. (New) The motor assembly of claim 16, wherein the span of the bearings extends axially above and below the disc.